

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, Patrick R. Clark, Frederick Martin and Charles S. Foster, declare that we are citizens of the United States of America, residing respectively at White House, Tennessee, Hendersonville, Tennessee Antioch, Tennessee and that we believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR RETRIEVING INFORMATION FROM EXTERNAL SYSTEMS

the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to be material to patentability as defined in §1.56. We further declare that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by us or our legal representatives or assigns.

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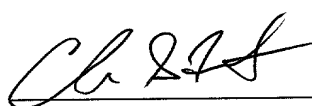
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